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NATURE OF CALL: ATTEMPTED MURDER AND GRAND THEFT

LOCATION OF CALL: 1500 HWY 65, LINCOLN OUTDOOR GUN RANGE N. OF LINCOLN

CASE NUMBER: SO01-4545

VICTIM: 32-YEAR-OLD WMA, RESIDES IN LINCOLN

SUSPECT: WMA, 20-30 YEARS, 6-0, MED BUILD, PALE COMPLEXION
WEARING DARK, LONG SLEEVED PULLOVER SHIRT, GREEN
PANTS, DARK COLORED BEANIE CAP

RELEASED BY: DET. BILL SUMMERS

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

This evening at 1755 hours CHP Dispatch received a 911 call from a WMA who reported he was at the Lincoln Outdoor Gun Range and had been involved in a shootout with a WMA who had assaulted him with a semiautomatic handgun. The victim stated he had returned fire from his handgun at the suspect. The victim reported he had been shot and requested help. CHP Dispatch called Lincoln Police Department who responded and found out that the shooting had taken place outside the City of Lincoln and they called the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

Placer County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene where they made contact with the victim and Lincoln P.D. officers. The victim reported to the deputies he had come to the outdoor shooting range to target shoot. He had just arrived and unloaded his equipment and rifle from his vehicle. The victim said he went to the bathroom and then entered the shooting range cinderblock building to retrieve a piece of carpet for the shooting table when he was confronted by a WMA who was pointing a handgun at him. The victim related he drew his side arm just when the suspect fired at him, causing him to return fire in the direction of the suspect. The victim said he then fled the building and ran to a firing range table to conceal himself as the suspect continued shooting at him.

The victim said he received a wound to the right side of his chest as he was fleeing the building from the suspect. The suspect then stole the victim's rifle and fled the scene in a red compact vehicle heading northbound on Hwy 65. Deputies summoned medical personnel, who responded and treated the victim for a flesh wound to the right side of his ribcage. The victim was treated and released.

Detectives are following up on leads at this time. The suspect is unknown, still at large, and should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone having information regarding this case is requested to call the Placer County Sheriff's Department.